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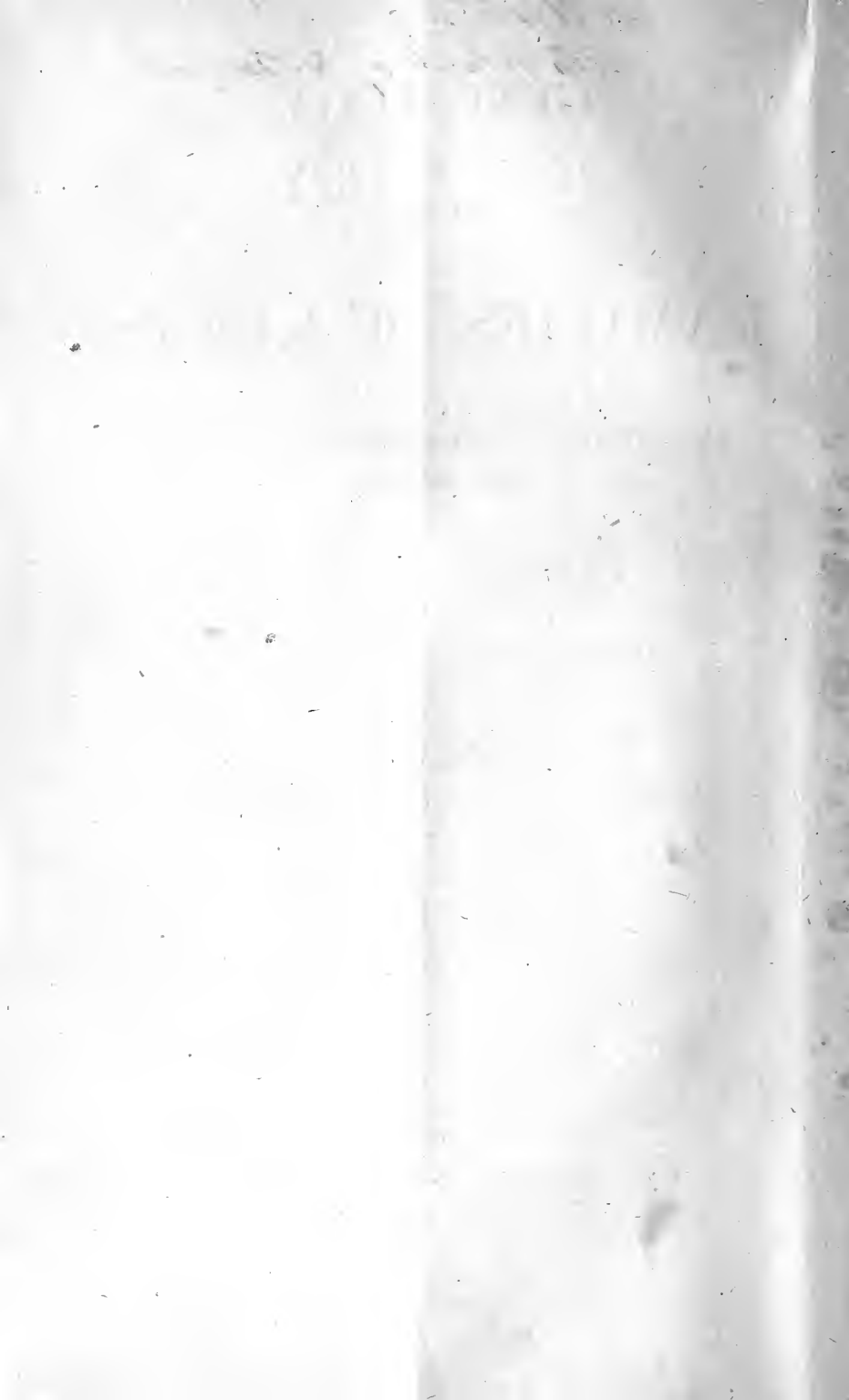
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Many families in this country can trace their genealogy only through a few generations. They would like to know the origin of their ancestors, but the knowledge of it is lost, as the history of it was never written on stone or in books.

The revolution in England and the removal of many families to this country, have occasioned the loss of many family records. The origin of others was so humble, it was not thought worthy to be registered.

As a people become intelligent and refined, they set a higher value on a knowledge of their ancestors, and will not only raise the marble monument to their memory, but keep an exact history of them.

It is only a few years since that the law has required in every town a record of births, deaths and marriages. Such a record will tend to preserve the genealogy of families which will be interesting to posterity.

It is not sufficient to know the names of our ancestors through successive generations ; we wish to know their traits of character,—their worthy deeds and their influence on society, that we, and those who come after us, may be benefited by their example.

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GENEALOGY.

Previous to the year 1680, Philip King came over from England with his brother Cyrus, and first located himself in Braintree.

In 1680, he came from Braintree to that part of Taunton which is now Raynham, and bought land south of Barzillai King's, and built a house a little south of the beautiful Cemetery. The deed of his land is recorded in the Taunton Register of Deeds' office, bearing date 1680.

About this time he married Judith Whitman, of Milton, daughter of ~~Rev. William Whitman~~, and his thus becoming connected with a distinguished minister's family shows his respectable standing in the community,—as at that day more regard was paid to rank and distinction among families than at present.

This was soon after the close of King William's war, as it was called, which had lasted seven years, in which the New England forces had taken a great share against the French Canadians. King James II. had a little before been driven from his throne and country for his tyranny and oppression. England being in a state of revolution, and the laws being violent against those who were contending for religious liberty, many emigrated to America. To these new and unsubdued hills and valleys, Philip King arrived, like Abraham, when he left his father's house and country for the promised land.

Taunton was settled in 1639,—forty-one years before Philip arrived. His young and blooming wife, with their young family, coming to this wilderness place, then not distant from the ravages of the Indian war, shows the courage and heroic

spirit of the women of those times. The house which he hastily built, doubtless corresponded to the rough ephemeral buildings of the first settlers.

Few were the cleared and arable acres around him, but his advantages from the river, and the thick and towering forests were great. Building materials were abundant, but saw-mills were scarce. The virgin soil that never felt the plow promised abundant crops, and domestic animals in a few years covered the fields.

He was a favorite with the Indians in the vicinity, with whom he traded, bringing his goods on horseback from Plymouth. Like the Leonards of Taunton, he and his family were never molested by the savage Indians because they dealt honestly with them.

It may be remarked here that he had another brother, Thomas King, who came from England and settled in Scituate, and of his descendants, it is said, was the second Governor of Maine.

Capt. Philip King's funeral was attended by a vast concourse of people who followed in procession, with military honors, to his grave in the cemetery near Neck of Land, Taunton.

I shall describe briefly his children, who comprise the second generation; and first his daughters.

1. Mary,—married John Leonard. They had four sons. Thomas, John, Philip, and Josiah. A daughter of this Philip married Charles Frazier, and was the mother of Reuben L. Frazier.

2. Esther,—married Stephen Williams, who was a soldier in the revolutionary war, and they had two sons and one daughter, viz. Stephen, Enos L. and Anna.

3. Lydia,—married Nathaniel Williams, who was the sixth generation from John Rogers, the martyr, who was burnt at Smithfield, England in 1554 in the reign of Queen Mary. The children of this marriage, were Nathaniel and

Edmond. Edmond was a man of strong retentive memory, and of superior education for the times. His children were Edmond, Stephen, Nathan, Noah, Jason, and David. The two last died young.

4. Judith,—married Alden, of North Middleborough, and their daughter Abigail married Col. Zephaniah Leonard of Raynham, Sheriff of the County thirty years.—Abigail lived to be over 100 years of age,—died in 1845. Judith also married a second husband, Mr. Ebenezer Williams, by whom she had one child that died young.

5. Abigail,—married Paddelford, and of their descendants were Elijah Paddelford M. D., and his son Elijah Paddelford M. D. who lived in East Taunton. Her descendants possessed a walking staff which her father brought from England. On its large silver head was his whole name.

6. Elizabeth,—married John Hall, grand parent of John Hall, of Norton, and Joseph and Col. Noah Hall, of Raynham, who was Col. in or after the revolutionary war.

7. Experience,—married White, of Easton, and left no issue.

8. John, the only son of Philip King, first, and his wife Judith, was born about the year 1681. It appears from his grave stone in the cemetery above mentioned, that he died in 1741, in the 60th year of his age. His epitaph is,

“ Know this, enough for mortal man to know,
Virtue alone is happiness below.”

His wife was Alice Dean of Taunton. She died in 1746, and her grave stone has the epitaph,

“ All men must
Return to dust.”

When his father pitched his tent on the East bank of Taunton river, John was a little child. There was no school or place of public worship nearer than Taunton village, which then consisted of about a dozen houses, two stores, a tavern, Post Office, and a meeting house, which now would look like a barn. To this, Philip King, wife and eight children, usually resorted on the Sabbath. What were three miles to go, even

over an unfinished road, to one who made it his grand object in coming to America to enjoy unmolested such a privilege? At length a new house of worship was to be built in Taunton, as none was erected in Raynham till about 1731.

The contract to build the second meeting house in Taunton, was taken by John King. He drew logs and timber on the ice of the Taunton river, and landed them at Barney Hill, a little this side of the village. That house was three stories high, containing, like the Old South in Boston, two tiers of galleries on three sides. It was built in 1729. The expense of the house much exceeded his expectations and to make up his loss, the town made him a present of the "Great Neck," so called, in Raynham.

John, like his father, felt a great interest in the welfare of Indians. He educated two men at his own expense; to become missionaries to their native brethren. Their names were Campbell and Occum.

John King and Alice Dean were married in 1700. They had six sons and two daughters,—constituting the third generation. I shall now proceed to describe them a little in their business, character and location. Their names were Philip, John, Josiah, David, Jonathan, Benjamin, Hannah and Abigail.

1. Philip, 2d, the oldest—and the oldest son at that time, after English custom, was considered the more honorable, and entitled to a double share of the paternal estate. He assisted his father in the honorable business of farming. He built the house called the "Mansion House" of Capt. George Williams, (said George Williams married Bathsheba, daughter of Philip King, 2d, and their sons were George, Abiather, Francis, and Narcissus,) a few years ago taken down. It was stately and spacious, as many now living remember. Philip owned in connection with this house, a farm of sixty acres, and of great value. This farm is now owned by Elisha Williams, and he is erecting a fine house on the same site of the former "Mansion House." He was a Capt. of militia, which was an office of no small note at that day, and it was usual

for a commissioned officer to wear his regimental suit on public days after the English fashion. He was the first representative to the General Court from Raynham. He was a proprietor of the "Taunton Company Lands," as they were called. He had been at a meeting of this company, when 84 years of age, and returning on the Steep Hill road in the woods late in the evening, it being dark, got lost and perished. He was found lying on a rock, having died of exhaustion.

His wife was Abigail, daughter of Samuel Williams, Esq. of Taunton. His grave stone in the Cemetery above mentioned has the following inscription.

"Capt. Philip King, died 1786, in the 85th year of his age.

" Step hither mortals, drop a tear,
Over the dust that's buried here,
And while you stand my fate to see,
Think of the sands that fall for thee."

Abigail, his wife died in 1756, in the 56th year of her age. Her grave stone has this inscription.

" Under these silent clods I sleep.
In Christ may I arise,
And when the Angel Gabriel sounds,
Meet Jesus in the skies."

He was married to a second wife, who was Hon. Seth Padelford's mother, of Taunton, by whom he had two children.

It will be proper here to trace the descendants of Philip King, second, to the present time.

He had three sons by his first wife, viz. John 2d, Philip 3d and Samuel.

John 2d had five sons, viz. John 3d, Nathan, Isaac, Silas and Zenas. The last died when seven years old. John King 2d lived near the south Cemetery, where Silas his son lived and died. His wife, the mother of these five sons was Catherine Leonard, the daughter of Samuel Leonard, who lived near the Raynham Forge, and owned it or a great part of it before the days of Hon. Josiah Dean, or rather his wife inherited it after her father.

Of some of these sons of John King 2d, I shall now speak.

John King 3d, the oldest son of John 2d, owned a large

farm in the easterly part of Raynham, being an elevated tract and somewhat rough, but well watered and productive. He lived to be an aged man and was four times married. He had a numerous family, all of whom have shown no small energy and filled important stations in society. Susan married Amos Hall Esq. who long held distinguished offices in the town, and is now ninety years of age. Lois married Briareus Hathaway son of Capt. A. Hathaway. Hannah married Nath'l Davis, is now 85, a remarkable woman. Abigail married Zenas King, and is now 82 years of age. Polly married Capt. John Williams, of Taunton. Bathsheba married Andrew Bachus, grandson of the Rev. Mr. Bachus, the Baptist Historian, of North Middleboro'.

His son John, the fourth of that name in the genealogy, was married to Sally White, daughter of Apollos White, of Raynham. He occupied the large mansion house of his father and inherited a principal portion of the farm, which was divided into lots, by substantial stone walls, two or three acres of which would produce seventy bushels of corn. The children of this marriage were all sons. Theodore, a very amiable youth, died by fever at the age of sixteen. Otis married Sarah, daughter of Daniel White;—they occupy a house and farm in the rich valley directly west of the paternal estate.—Philo was the agent of a large shoe manufactory. He died suddenly of the heart disease, in 1865, to the grief of the whole community. Cromwell is Treasurer of the First Congregational Society. John, Bradford and Apollos are connected with the shoe manufactory. Three of these six sons have fine houses near the centre of the town.

The other children of John King 3d, are Horatio, an ingenious artist and daguereotypist in Taunton, where he has an extensive establishment. He married a daughter of Aretus Forbes, of Bridgewater. Leprelet volunteered in the army in 1862, against the rebellion, and died by sickness in the hospital, leaving a wife and three children. Catherine married George White, of Taunton. Jane married Orin Bassett and they live in Taunton.

I shall now return to another son of Philip 2d, viz: Philip 3d. His first wife was a daughter of Rev. John Wales, the first minister of Raynham, who was settled here, and the church was organized in 1731. They lived near Raynham Forge, and had four daughters. The business of Philip King 3d was that of a lumber merchant. He kept a grocery store. One of his daughters married Solomon Alden, of Bridgewater. The second, Prudence, died unmarried. The third married Jonathan Dean; the fourth, Uriah Sampson. They were all eminent women.

The second wife of Philip 3d, was a sister of Jerathmial Bowers, of Somerset, who built and fitted out two ships for India, and whose estate was large, and was got rid of in less than four years by his only son John. This wife was the mother of Samuel Bass King, of Taunton, who married the daughter of Hon. Samuel Crocker, and died in 1864, without issue. S. B. King was the second cashier and president of Taunton Bank for many years. He had a brother ——— who settled in Norton.

Nathan, the second son of John 2d, settled a little North of Silas King's, on a farm which extended from the road West, nearly to the river. His wife was a daughter of Deacon Ebenezer Dean, of South Taunton. Their children were—Prudence, who married John Holmes, of Middleboro. Nathan and Jonathan remain single on the home place. Apollos was a master builder in Boston, and died in Stoneham. Artemas married a daughter of William Byram, a forgeman of Hon. Josiah Dean, and lives in Mansfield. Zenas married his cousin, a daughter of John King 3d.

The father of this numerous family was a man of feeble health but industrious, and brought up his children to the same industry; was a quiet neighbor and citizen, and left at the age of seventy, a good estate.

Zenas was his second son. He settled in the easterly part of the town on a farm, which, though rough and rocky, he, with his two sons, Benjamin F. and Davis, made productive

in corn crops, hay, cattle and fruits. Being upright and honest, whoever traded with him, it was said, liked to trade with him again. He was worth but \$250 when he bought the farm at auction for \$300, in 1805, and now in 1865, his place would sell for over two thousand dollars, while he has outlands worth a thousand dollars more. When twelve years old, he spent a week with his grandfather, and uncle Enos Dean, who to reward him, gave him a sheep, and from that day to this he has always kept sheep, which have yielded him great profits.

Besides his two sons mentioned above, he has had three other children. Andrew Jackson, who at seven years old, was killed by being run over by a large farm roller on which he leaped in sport, as he had just come out of school. Lois died by fever at the age of eighteen. Susan married Mr. Hammond and they settled in Bridgewater. Sarah, remaining single, lives with her parents.

Silas King, son of John King 2d, lived as stated above, on the paternal farm opposite the South Cemetery, was a noted and prosperous farmer. He married Miss Sally Hall. His descendants are numerous and have been equally prosperous, promoting every good interest in the civil and religious community. His son Silas 2d settled in East Taunton, where he retains a good position. He married Lucy Perkins. *Pickens*

William P. King, son of Silas 1st, owns a good place not far from the paternal mansion, and his sons, William Whitman; Mason and Adoniram have built fine houses near him. Wm. Whitman married Elizabeth, daughter of Capt. Job King 2d, and was drowned one Sabbath morning while bathing in the river, leaving a wife and two sprightly boys, Theodore Whitman and Albert. Mason married a daughter of Walker Richmond, of East Taunton, and Adoniram married Harriet E., daughter of Isaac King, of Raynham. Wm. P's daughter Rebecca married C. G. Washburn, son of General Cromwell Washburn, of East Taunton, and they live near her father;—her husband being a merchant in company with Da-

vid Dean, East Taunton. Alice, the other daughter of Wm. P., married Jahaziah S. King, as his third wife. They live a few furlongs North of King's bridge, and will be mentioned on a future page.

Philip, another son of Silas King 1st, married Sophrona, daughter of Capt. Barzillai King, who will be described on a future page. They lived on the paternal homestead, where his widow and son Jesse still live. They were members of the Baptist Church in Raynham, and some of his children with him. He was no party man, but was cordial with all true friends of christianity. His house was often open to receive his neighbors in social worship. He was a firm witness for the truth, and his remarks in private and public circles were always interesting. His early death by fever was deeply lamented through the town. His children are Calvin, Henry, Martha, and Jesse. Calvin married — Alden; Henry, Mary Ann Caswell; Martha, Mr. Vandewalker. Jesse married the only daughter of Samuel Hathaway, and they live on the home place.

Isaac King was another son of John King 2d. He had four sons—Benjamin F., now lives in New Bedford. Two died young, and Isaac Jr. lived in Raynham, and died in 1856. He and his wife were buried the same day. He was a man of feeble powers, but of honest intentions and blameless life.—The children of Isaac Jr. were four,—Charles and John D. are married; one lives in Worcester, the other in Connecticut. Horace is unmarried, and Abigail, his only daughter, married Andrew Hopkins, a descendant of Governor Hopkins of Rhode Island.

Bathsheba, a daughter of John King, was never married—owned and occupied a place a little North of her father's—was a person of much reading and reflection. She had a retentive memory and a good understanding of the doctrines of christianity. She sometimes wrote out her thoughts in poetry, and drew up a brief history of her ancestors. In uniting with Dr. Forbes' church, she was baptised by him by immersion, he

standing in a boat, because of his feeble health. Her house was sometimes open for social religious exercises, as her health did not often allow her going a distance to the sanctuary. In hymns and sacred songs she had great pleasure, and though she had usually a dread of death, her departure was peaceful and triumphant. She had two sisters, Abigail and Catherine. Abigail married George Godfrey, of Taunton, and Catherine married Elkanah Barney, of Taunton.

Josiah was another son of John King 1st. (He married Phebe, a daughter of Dea. Samuel Leonard.) He removed with his family to Norton.

David, another son of John King 1st, married Rebecca Dean. They settled on Pleasant street, on a large farm bordering on Titicut Pond, the same afterwards owned by Samuel Gushee. Their children were Job, Zebulon and Molly.—She married Capt. William Pratt, of Titicut. Job was a worthy and venerable man, who owned a good estate on Dean street, Taunton, near Raynham line. He was one of the principal founders of the Trinitarian Cong'l Society in Taunton, and died in 1825. Zebulon moved to Ohio with a company who took government land near Cincinnati, and going among the Indians, was shot by them and scalped. His widow returned to Newport, R. I. His son Charles was a celebrated portrait painter in Washington. His paintings are in numerous hands, a monument of his genius.

Lieut. Job King, of Taunton, married Zippora, daughter of Simeon Williams, of Taunton. Their children are as follows:

David 2d, the older, was a publicly educated man, was graduated at Brown University 1786, in the class with Hon. Tristram Burgess. He was a physician, settled in Newport, R. I., where he had an extensive practice fifty years or more, and accumulated a large estate. He was President of the Rhode Island Medical Institution. He married Ann Gordon, of Connecticut. Their children were George G., Ann, David, Edward, and William Henry.

George G. was educated at Brown University, and graduated in 1825—was member of congress and held other distinguished civil offices. Ann died young. Edward married Miss Le Roy of N. Y. George married Miss Seaver, of Washington. Edward and William Henry amassed much wealth in China, where as merchants they spent many years.

David 3d, was also graduated at Brown University in 1831.—succeeded his father as physician in Newport,—was president of the Rhode Island Medical Institution. David 3d married Sarah, daughter of Rev. Mr. Wheaton, of Newport. They had seven children. Wm. Henry, the oldest, is in China. David is also in China in the mercantile business. Wheaton, in the war of the rebellion, was wounded in the first battle of Bull Run by musket ball, and died in Philadelphia, on his way home. Sarah is yet single. Ann, Mary Jane and Georgiana live at home.

Job 2d, another son of Lieut. Job King of Taunton, settled in Taunton village, was Captain of Militia—a celebrated hardware merchant and manufacturer of coffee mills, of which he had the patent for New England. He had a cupola furnace in Raynham, and employed numerous workmen in the business. He died in 1840. His wife was Sally, daughter of John Cudworth, of Taunton. Their children were as follows : Rufus died young. Charlotte married Frank Wilbur, and they live in Newport. Lucy Maria died young. Elizabeth married William Whitman King, mentioned above, son of Wm. P. William married Lucy Ann, daughter of H. Thompson, M. D., a celebrated physician of Middleboro'.

Isaac married Harriet, daughter of Aruna Smith, of Stoughton. Their children were Elizabeth, George, Frederic, Marcus M., Ellen and Hattie. Elizabeth married Adoniram King, son of Wm. P. and they have one son.

Job married Mary B. Anthony. Simeon married Mary Colyer, of Pennsylvania. Sarah Ann and Maria are unmarried.

Other children of Lieutenant Job King, of Taunton,—Zipporah died young, his oldest daughter. Rebecca married Charles Dean, of Taunton. Zipporah, who never married, died in 1823. Louisa never married. Jemima married Jared Pratt, of North Middleboro, a distinguished manufacturer, who did business in Pittsburg, Penn. Isaac at 25, was drowned in the raceway of his father's mill pond, hung by his foot, where he was found by his father, early in the morning, upon lifting a plank to let off the water. Simeon died of fever at the age of 27. Zebulon 2d, another son, died young.

Jonathan, another son of John King, 1st, and twin brother of David 1st, became a very enterprising man. With the help of his father and brothers he built what was called, "King's Furnace," which stood on a stream tributary to Taunton River, on the road leading to Middleboro', in the East part of Taunton. They being colliers, made their own coal. This furnace being the commencement of such business in New England, was owned and kept in constant operation by the Kings about a hundred years. Jonathan died March 15, 1754, in the 42d year of his age.

The English Parliament when they heard that the Americans were engaging in manufactures, prohibited in 1750, on penalty of two hundred pounds, "the erection of any mill for slitting or rolling iron, or any plating forge to work with a tilt hammer, or any *furnace* for making steel, in any of the colonies." Did the Parliament think to strangle the giant in his cradle? Notwithstanding these restrictions and penalty of hundreds of pounds, Jonathan King and brothers dared to set up and carry on a furnace, for its products were of great value to the country. Hence the Kings of England could not frighten these Kings of Massachusetts.

Also, the first Nailrods built in Massachusetts were made about this time in Hopewell, Taunton, by one Adams, in his rolling and slitting mill. He built the house in which the late John W. Seabury lived and died. Adams could not at first complete the rolling mill, for want of a model or pattern.

His wife, a Dutch lady, went to England to examine such mills, and as men foreigners could not be admitted to them, she being admitted, took patterns of the machinery, by which her husband succeeded.

The sons of Jonathan the furnaceman were Josiah, Samuel and Nathan. Deacon Horatio Nelson, of Middleboro', is a grandson of Josiah. Josiah's sons were Caleb and Turner,—his daughters, Phebe and Bathsheba. The last died young, and Phebe, one of the honorable and most aged women in town, is the widow of the late Simeon Leonard.

Benjamin, one other son of John King 1st, was a worthy citizen,—lived a little North of the beautiful Cemetery above mentioned and possessed a large domain of good land bordering on the river, where his grandchildren now live. He married Abiah, daughter of Dea. Samuel Leonard, by whom he had four sons and two daughters, viz: George, William, Asa, Gaius, Anna and Hazadiah.

His second wife was Deliverance, a daughter of Joseph Eddy, of Taunton, by whom he had three sons and three daughters, viz: Stephen, Eli, Barzillai, Alice, Abigail and Sally. He died in 1803, at the age of 83 years, and the epitaph on his gravestone is—

"Beneath this stone my body lies,
 "In the cold clods of clay,
 "And in Christ's life may I arise
 "In the Great Judgment day."

He also married a third wife, Mrs. ——— Cobb.

When he arrived to manhood it fell to him to have a considerable share in Town business, by laying out roads, setting off farms, establishing and building meeting houses. In the building of Taunton Meeting House, he had advanced £40, equal to two hundred dollars of our money, and not long afterwards he was called upon to help build one in Raynham. Whereupon he petitioned the General Court that he might be set back to Taunton, on the ground that otherwise he should lose the benefit of his large expenses on the Taunton house.—Accordingly the Town of Raynham voted that they would

“ease him of all his proportion towards the building of their house, in case he would withdraw his petition and oblige himself never to try to be set off to Taunton again.”

This town for many years did not send a Representative to the General Court, as each town then had to pay its own Representatives. In 1774 Benjamin King represented the town, when the storm of the Revolution was gathering, and the General Court at Boston was harrassed by the Governor. He was afterwards a delegate to the Provincial Congress held in May of that year, and was also in 1776, one of the Committee of Safety in this State.

I shall now describe the children of Benjamin King, and first those by his first wife :—

George was a man of athletic power and of courageous, patriotic spirit. He served in the revolutionary war a year or two with Seth Dean, Joseph Shaw and others of this town, under Washington, in 1775, at Roxbury and other places.—He was orderly sergeant and clerk of the Raynham Company. He, in warning them, rode on horseback with his drummer and fifer, through the town, and at every house made proclamation, “Rally, rally,—the British are shooting down our Massachusetts men, rally and drive them out of the country.”—He was a revolutionary pensioner for several years, and lived in a house near Mason Shaw’s. His two sons, George and Samuel settled in Maine.

William, second son of Benjamin King, was sometime in the war of the revolution, was taken sick by exposure, returned home and died.

Gaius was a spirited and noble youth and like many at the present time, ready to peril his life for his country. He enlisted on board the privateer Hazard, and was shot and killed in action by the side of Seth Dean, in capturing a British vessel.

Asa was also in the revolutionary war, where, by exposure and fatigue, he lost his health. On returning home, he was able with much care to attend to farming and fishing, by

which business he in a few years accumulated over a thousand dollars. His father built a house in the easterly part of the town, on a farm of ninety acres, and offered it to him. The house stood empty some years. At length Asa married Thankful, daughter of Ebenezer Burt, of Norton Centre, who had a son also, Ebenezer, who was the first pastor of the Baptist church in Hardwick, Mass. and who was ordained on a flat rock in that town, there being then no church edifice, and was pastor there several years.

The two children of Asa and Thankful King were Enoch and Joel. Joel died at the age of nineteen. In his studies at school he was a distinguished scholar and of most amiable character. Enoch inherits the large patrimony, is a large owner in the Iron Foundry at Taunton and is president of the Company. He has filled various civil offices. He married Elvira, a daughter of Stephen Williams, of this town. Their children are Asa F., Gustavus, Enoch Judson, and Gaius Sanford.

I may better describe Mr. Asa King by contrasting him (after the manner of Plutarch in his lives) with his brother Barzillai, and were I to speak of these brothers according to their merits it would require much space. They were both educated in the orthodox congregational faith, and possessed superior natural abilities. Their attainments and tastes however were different, but were equally important in the different stations of society which they were called to fill. Asa being of feeble health and not fitted for laborious enterprises, was fond of retirement and domestic business;—hence he suffered great portions of his farm to be covered with heavy wood and timber which then was thought to be of no great value, but in process of years their value was great.

Barzillai, though not of great muscular strength, was of a more enterprising spirit—subdued and cultivated many acres; was engaged in trade and in brick-making, and by the produce of his farm would fill a barn of seventy feet in length. Asa, by examining the scriptures for himself, and hearing the

celebrated Mr. Goff, of Dighton, and Mr. Bachus, of Titicut, the historian, adopted their views in respect to the ordinance of baptism, his wife always heartily joining with him,—while Barzillai remained a permanent supporter of the Congregational church and society, not going into any controversy with his brother, whom he believed to be sincere and upright in his motives. Even at that day, according to Dr. Forbes' statement, about one-fifth of the people of Raynham were Baptists.

When the Baptist church in Raynham in 1780 was first gathered, Asa was chosen clerk, and as they had no meeting house for twenty years, he had his dwelling house opened and fitted with seats on the Sabbath, for the numerous worshippers. Those were times when the Congregational and Baptist denominations were by no means so friendly as at present. But as Barzillai was equally strenuous in upholding the ancient order of things, both were highly serviceable in the different spheres which they filled. Asa being one of the founders of the Baptist church, contributed much for its support, and in his will left a large amount for its funds. Nor was Barzillai delinquent in his benefactions to sustain the established ministry which was then patronised by the taxing system of the State. In fine, Asa made no display of his wealth, in dress, equipage or style of living,—shone best in his domestic relations and immediate neighborhood; while Barzillai was a popular man, much employed in the civil and political interests of the times,—was a commander of a military company that wore uniform, and that attracted on parade more attention than any other in the brigade. Soon after Mr. Asa King's death, there appeared in the "Taunton Democrat" the following obituary:—

[For the Bristol County Democrat.]

OBITUARY.—Died in Raynham, Feb. 2d inst., MR. ASA KING, in the 90th year of his age. We cannot let this event pass without giving some notice of the life and death of so excellent a man. He was born in Raynham, March 6, 1751. At the age of about 25, he was drafted a soldier in the revolutionary war; and while encamped at Winter Hill, near Boston, was taken very dangerously sick, and while confined at that place he became anxious for the salvation of his soul. He thought of the graves he had seen dug for many of the soldiers; and here,

away from his friends and connections, he expected to breathe his last and be buried. He was sensible that without the love of God in his soul he could not be prepared for heaven. At this time this passage of scripture came into his mind, "If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." He looked upon the world as unworthy of his love and affection. At this time his mind underwent a change, and he felt such a peace as he had never experienced before, and those graves which looked so terrible to him, he could now look upon as places of rest. From this time he never enjoyed good health.

In 1780, a Baptist Church was formed in Raynham, of which he became a member, and soon was chosen Clerk. He was the only remaining member of that Church at the time of his death. After the death of his father, in 1803, he removed into his own house, and every fourth Sabbath for more than twenty years, opened his doors for religious meetings; and through his instrumentality he has seen the new formed Baptist Church in Raynham in a prosperous condition.

His pilgrimage through this vale of tears was remarkable for suffering, patience, self denial and uniform uprightness. He was well established in the divine doctrines of the Christian religion. Conscious of the deep rooted depravity of his nature, and of the unavailability of his own righteousness, he gloried in the distinguishing doctrines of free, sovereign grace, as the only ground of his hope for pardon and salvation. He was ever scrupulously attached to the particular sentiments of the Baptists, yet he retained an affectionate regard for those of other denominations who gave evidence of genuine piety. He was beloved and respected by all who knew him. In his last sickness he would frequently adopt the language of Job, saying "All the days of my appointed time will I wait till my change come." The day before he died, he said he felt, like Paul, a "desire to depart and be with Christ which was far better." He retained his reason to the last; and while dying, spoke thereof with as much calmness as he would of going to sleep. A few minutes before 12 o'clock M. his happy spirit took its flight to the God that gave it. "Now mark the perfect man and behold the up-right, for the end of that man is peace."

Thus his afflicted family are bereft of a kind and affectionate husband, a loving and tender father; his neighbors and acquaintances, of a wise and prudent counsellor and friend; religious society, of a beneficent donor, and a most exemplary man and christian; whose civil and religious life was governed and actuated by the spirit of that divine precept, "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." But while his family and society mourn because "the Godly man ceaseth," how great is the consolation that he rests from his labors, where "the weary are at rest;" and that even death to him is unspeakable gain.—If his voice were now to be heard, the spirit of the poet's sentiment would doubtless be expressed:

"Who, who would live always away from his God;
Away from this heaven, this blissful abode,
Where the rivers of pleasure flow o'er the bright plains,
And the noontide of glory eternally reigns."

Anna, the first daughter of Benjamin King, married Elisha Haskel of Middleboro'. Hazadiah married Hezekiah Howard of Bridgewater.

Stephen, son of Benjamin King by his second wife, was distinguished for enterprise and energy of character. He owned a large farm bordering on Taunton river, near King's bridge, when not a building was there, where now is a large village. He perceived that by building a dam a great water power might be obtained for moving any amount of machinery. In time of low water he commenced by laying a sill for erecting a dam a little above the bridge. But great opposition arose from the adjacent people, who contended that if a dam was raised the herring fishery above would be ruined and thousands of acres of meadow be overflowed. He drew up a petition, which was numerously signed, to the Legislature, and in due time a grant was obtained for the object proposed. The consequences were that in a few years, Iron Works of a hundred thousand dollars value were constructed, giving employment to hundreds of persons, and bringing in a vast population. Hence the results of one man's influence in beginning a great enterprise. He did much in setting up manufactures during the war of 1812, when commerce was crippled, and cotton factories were rising in numerous places.

Of this village which is called Squawbetty, Stephen King may be considered as the founder, as truly as Alexander the Great was the founder of Alexandria in Egypt,—because Mr. King commenced it and predicted its success, and foresaw its power of giving employment to thousands for many generations. The name of Squawbetty was given to the place long before, because a noted Indian Squaw by the name of Betty lived there. I think it becomes the city of Taunton to change the name for one more euphonious, and decree that it shall be called after its founder, and have henceforth the name of *Kingsville*.

He built two large houses about a furlong North of King's bridge. He married Hannah, a daughter of Mason Shaw.—They had four sons and three daughters viz: Stephen, William, Jahaziah S., George Washington, Hannah, Mary and Lydia. Mr. King was a firm supporter of evangelical truth,

and in carrying his family to public worship, rode usually in a coach drawn by two horses.

Stephen, his oldest son was a manufacturer,—moved to Warrenton, Ohio, where he carries on his business. He married Mary, daughter of Mr. Winslow, of Middleboro'.

William, second son of Stephen 1st, lives in one of the large houses his father built, has been commander of a military company, a representative to the General Court. He married Ardelia Haskins, of Taunton. They had two children. De Bruce and Adoline. De Bruce, a very amiable youth, died at the age of 22. Adoline married Daniel Miller a merchant of Pawtucket, R. I. He died leaving three children.—Adoline's second husband is Charles Dupee, of Taunton.

Jahaziah S., third son of Stephen 1st, has for many years carried on extensively the manufacture of nails, tacks, shovels, forks and other implements of husbandry. His machinery is carried by steam power, and he has given employment to numerous workmen. He married Sarah, a daughter of Jacob Tracy of Raynham. She soon died, leaving one son, Stephen, who married Addie Lymes, and is concerned with his father in manufactures.

Jahaziah S. married as his second wife Jane daughter of Deacon Ira Sampson, of Middleboro. She died leaving two children, Jahaziah and Sarah Jane. Jahaziah married Emily, daughter of Enoch Williams,—and is resident with his father and employed with him in manufactures. Sarah Jane married Nathan W. Shaw, of North Raynham, an only son, of heavy property. Jahaziah S. married as stated above, a third wife, Miss Alice King, daughter of Wm. P. King.

George W., fourth son of Stephen King, 1st, has long been a noted manufacturer. His extensive Iron Works are moved by water and steam power. They stand on the site where once stood the "Raynham Furnace." They were carried away once by the breaking and lifting of the dam, and a second time by fire, but at each time were soon newly erected.—They have afforded employment for numerous hands. Geo.

Washington married Susan, daughter of Mr. Howard, of Easton. Their children are Susan and Eliza Ann. Susan married George Andros of Taunton, a teller in the Bristol County Bank, and they live near the centre of the city.— Eliza Ann lives as yet with her parents.

Hannah, the first daughter of Stephen King 1st, married Capt. George Crocker, of Sandwich, who after years of success in navigation, was shipwrecked and lost in a terrible tornado in the West Indies. Their son George built a house in which his mother lives in Raynham, and he has resided some time in California in good business. Mary was feeble in health and died early. Lydia, youngest daughter of Stephen King 1st, having acquired a good education, was a teacher many years, and has resided principally in Boston.

Eli, another son of Benjamin King 1st.

Abiah, a daughter of Benjamin King 1st, married Capt. Israel Washburn, of Raynham, a man of eminent parts, and grandfather of three brothers, members of Congress from three different States, and one of them lately Governor of Maine.

Abigail married Luther Cory, M. D. Sally married Elijah Gushee, a most worthy man,—soldier of the Revolution. He raised up an excellent family, by her and a second wife, viz : Elijah 2d, Williams, Jarius, Jemima, Julia. The last the wife of Jones Robinson, Esq., of Acushnet.

Barzillai, the last son of Benjamin King 1st, I have partially described in connection with his brother Asa. He occupied the home place, performed the responsible duties due to a venerable parent, who died as above stated in 1803. Barzillai married Mrs. Lucinda Gilmore, by whom he had a daughter Lucinda, who married William P. King, who is described on a previous page. His daughter Delia married Ruel Washburn, Esq., who graduated at Brown University in 1814, and has long lived in Livermore, Maine, a distinguished lawyer, and has filled several important offices.

Capt. Barzillai married a second wife, Nelle McCloud, of Bridgewater, by whom he had three sons and five daughters, viz: Delia, Sophrona, Emma, Sarah V., Ann, Barzillai, Benjamin and Bradford.

Sophrona married Phillip King 3d, as above stated. Delia married Ruel Washburn, Esq., as above stated.

Emma married Otis Wilbur, who died at the South. Their children are Emma M., who married F. Gushee, Edward B., who married Ruth Coddington, Ellen and Otis.

Sarah Vincent married S. Wilbur, son of Capt. Simeon Wilbur, and they live on his paternal domain.

Ann married William Caswell, a manufacturer, and they live near her native home.

Barzillai 2d and his brother Benjamin possess the large place that was their ancestors' through successive generations. A farm which once was thought to be hardly enough for one family, may now, by wise tillage, support half a dozen. They are both pillars and lights in the community, aiding in many a good work.

Barzillai 2d married Cornelia, a daughter of Capt. Simeon Wilbur. She and her child soon died. His second wife was Eliza, daughter of Silas Wilbur. One child by her died. Three others, highly promising, are Bradford, Cornelia and Lurane W. See the Cenotaph in the Cemetery. Barzillai 2d married as his third wife Mrs. Catherine Brayton, of Fall River.

Benjamin 2d married Cordelia, daughter of Silas Wilbur, and their son Edward is organist in the First Congregational Society.

Bradford, one other son of Capt. Barzillai, built a fine house near the centre of the town and died on the eve of marriage greatly lamented by all who knew him.

Having described the lineage of the sons of John King, First, and his wife Alice, in its various branches, I now go back to take up his daughter Hannah, who is worthy to be placed aside of Hannah of old, the mother of the prophet Samuel. She married Major Zephaniah Leonard, of

Taunton. As they were happy in life, in death they were not divided, but were both buried in the same grave. He was judge of the Court of Common Pleas from 1761 till his death.

By this marriage she was the mother of Captain Joshua Leonard, a distinguished man in church and state, who lived on a large plantation near Raynham Forge,—of Colonel Zephaniah Leonard, who was High Sheriff of the County thirty years, and his son Horatio thirty-five years,—of Apollos Leonard of Hopewell, a graduate of Yale, 1765, who was distinguished for his talents and usefulness,—of Samuel Leonard, Esq. of Hopewell, Taunton, the first who set up iron manufactures in Taunton and was the first man in commercial business, and was the father of George Leonard, M. D. and Ezekiel Leonard, the merchant. Thus she was the mother of four of the most eminent that this part of the country has produced. A renowned woman was Hannah King, and as Spurzheim says, every respectable man must have had a likely mother. As John Quincy Adams, ~~who~~ when Governor Briggs informed him he had just finished reading the letters of Mr. Adams' mother and admired them, said, that whatever excellences he possessed he derived from his mother, it must follow that the superior excellences of these four Leonard's show their mother to have been no ordinary woman, and worthy to be compared with the Roman Lady, Cornelia, who, when some noble ladies in a visit at her house asked her to show them her jewels, called in her sons and said, "these are my jewels." She was the mother of the Graechi, and her sons became the first men in Rome. So these sons of Hannah Leonard became very eminent for their virtues. She also had a daughter Abigail, who married Josiah Crocker of Taunton, a son of Rev. Josiah Crocker who was a very eloquent preacher and was the sixth pastor of the first church in Taunton in the days of Whitfield, 1740. She was therefore the mother of Hon. Samuel Crocker, late of Taunton. See Emery's History of Taunton.

Thus have I written up the genealogy of Kings settled in Raynham, extending, through six generations, from 1680 to

the present time. The individuals of them were distinguished for their intelligence, industry and patriotism, their love of order, their efforts in promoting education, public worship, and other civil and religious institutions. They have almost without exception been promoters of temperance, and other virtues which make a community peaceful and prosperous.

As one generation prepares the way for another, and one family furnishes the means of prosperity for its successor, so these families have successively laid broader foundations for their respective descendants. No degenerating influences have appeared as they have arisen and passed away.

Homer, three thousand years ago, said of the people of his time, that "Most sons are inferior to their fathers, a few are equal, and fewer still are superior to them." But this cannot be said of those whose lineage I have traced. Great allowances are to be made for the different circumstances in which men are placed. A hundred and eighty years ago how few were the advantages for knowledge and enterprise compared with what are now enjoyed. If men are superior now it is owing not to greater native talent, but greater means of improvement.

We may trace the descent and ascent in the following manner :

Philip King, First, was the father of
 John King, First, who was the father of
 Benjamin King, First, who was the father of
 Barzillai King, First, who was the father of
 Barzillai King, 2d, who is the father of
 Bradford and Cornelia King.

Again, beginning with the last generation :

Benjamin F. and Davis King are sons of
 Zenas King, who was the son of
 Nathan King, who was the son of
 John King, 2d, who was the son of
 Philip King, 2d, who was the son of
 John King, First, who was the son of
 Philip King, the first settler.

NOTE.

It was only sixty years after the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth that Philip King settled in what is now Raynham. How numerous have been his descendants. He may be properly considered as one of the Pilgrim Fathers whose posterity have spread over the continent. Bancroft, in his History of the United States, (Vol. I. p. 387) says, "The early Puritans are the parents of one-third of the white inhabitants of the United States. In the first ten or twelve years, there came over twenty-one thousand two hundred persons, or four thousand families. Their descendants in 1834 were not far from four millions. Each family has multiplied, on the average, to one thousand souls. To New York and Ohio, where they constitute one-half of the population, they have carried the Puritan system of free schools, and their example is spreading it through the civilized world."

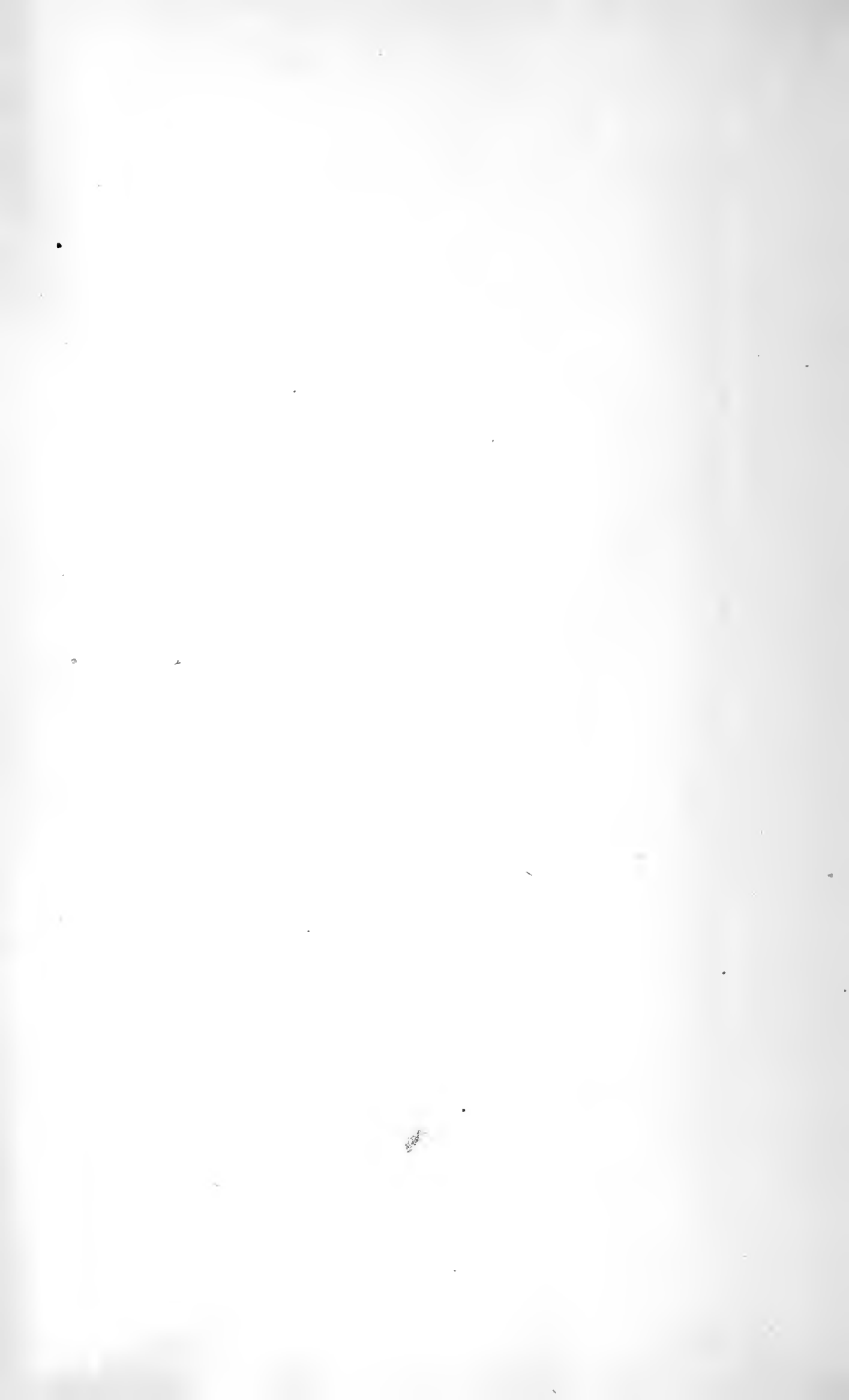
Doubtless the descendants of Philip King have multiplied as rapidly as any family on an average of the early Puritans; that is, as the historian states, each family of the early puritans had increased, on an average, in two hundred and fourteen years, to one thousand souls. Then by this rule, the King families in one hundred and eighty-five years, have increased to eight hundred and sixty-five souls.

At a very pleasant and social meeting of the King family at the house of Enoch King, on the 15th of March, a portion of the history of the Kings, written by Rev. Enoch Sanford was then read, which was very interesting to those present, and the unanimous thanks of all was then voted to be tendered to Rev. Mr. Sanford for his valuable history, and that the same should be printed.











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